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CALENDAR



Sat., June 17 – Saturday Buffet
served from 12:00 Noon till Midnight.
Price \$2. Bar open from Noon till
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Sun., June 18 – Sunday Smorgas-
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p.m. till Midnight.

Also a short order menu will be
served in the bar Saturdays from 2
p.m. and Sundays from 3 p.m. till
Midnight.

These new weekend hours will
continue until further notice.

Tues., June 20 – Reception and
Dinner: Alex Rorke, Jr., special cor-
respondent for NBC and other media
on recent assignments with the anti-
Castro forces inside Cuba, also other
news representatives who have been
under arrest or detention in Havana.
A new documentary film "Prelude to
Freedom" showing actual operations
of the anti-Castro Forces will be
shown. Cocktails 6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Reservations please.

Tues., June 27 – Party for OPC
Charter Flight Travelers. Come and
drink a toast to the returning ad-
venturers. Hear all about what they
did, saw and learned. Cocktails 6:30,
Dinner 7:30.

Thurs., June 29 – Reception and
Dinner: Polar Night – Unveiling and
presentation "on loan" to OPC by
the Adventurers Club of oil paintings
of the late Admiral Richard E. Byrd
and Peter Freuchen, Danish Polar
explorer, anti-Nazi underground fight-
er and UN newspaper correspondent.
Speaker: Richard Dempewolf of
"Popular Mechanics", OPC member
who recently returned from the South
Pole, with color film "High Ice."
Cocktails 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m.
Reservations please.

Fri., June 30 – Special Reception
for participants in the "Miss Uni-
verse" contest from 30 nations, fol-
lowing their visit and reception at the
United Nations. Time 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



OPC Pres. John Luter greets H.E. Fulbert Youlou, Pres. of the Republic of Congo as H.E. Germain Bicoumat, Minister of Public Works and Leon Dennon who presided at the question and answer period look on.

Youlou Stresses African Needs At OPC

by George Natanson

Fulbert Youlou, President of the Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville) told an OPC press conference that his country's most pressing need is the construction of the Kouilou Dam. This, he said, is a symbol of "the collaboration Africa expects from the world of the rich."

CLUB MEMBERSHIP UP; NEW POLICY ADOPTED

The OPC's move into its new quarters has been followed by a flood of new membership applications – almost all of them from working newsmen – President John Luter reported this week.

In the last three weeks alone the Club has received more than 60 applications for membership. Additionally, 51 applicants who applied in May or late April have been approved for membership this month.

The new applications compare with a total of 299 new members admitted during the entire year ending April 30th, and bring the total Club membership to more than 2700. The great majority of Club members are working newsmen, and many are former foreign correspondents.

The great increase in the flow of

"I come as a representative of Christian Africa, an heir of Europe," he said.

Referring to his conversations with President Kennedy the day before in Washington, Youlou related that the President had asked him "in that spontaneous manner of his" what the U.S. could do for the Congo. While he told the President that the Kouilou Dam project was urgent, Youlou pointed out that the Dam is not an economic necessity but political and "political problems are in reality only social problems."

The Congo President said he felt it necessary to underline the political aspects of economic development because Americans "are by natural inclination, economists." On the other hand, the Russians, he continued, well understand political factors . . . "one of their greatest abilities."

Youlou emphasized that it is the duty of the U.S. "to help the naked peoples" of the world . . . something you realize and you do your best but not always well." One reason for failure, he said, is that Americans often behave "like rich people who wish to do good without soiling their hands. In order that Africans appreciate Americans, they must feel close to them...establish real contact."

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PEOPLE & PLACES

Former INS members in Tokyo gathered for their third annual party on June 5, to commemorate the demise of the wire service. The party was hosted by *Sid White*, former INS executive editor for Japan and Korea and now *Pacific Stars and Stripes* city editor.

Arnold Beichman off to cover the eight-county European tour of Secretary of Labor *Arthur J. Goldberg* for *Newsweek* and *The Christian Science Monitor*.

George McArthur, AP news editor in Paris for the past five years, has been made chief of the bureau in Cairo. He succeeds *Wilton Wynn*, who is taking a leave of absence. . . News and mag man *Clarence O. Schlaver* has been selected an executive editor of *The Quill*, monthly magazine of Sigma Delta Chi. He becomes the publication's first full-time editor.

Ruth K. Hill's weekly WEVD "City Reporter" wound up its second years on the air. The program will be resumed in September following Ruth's European holiday.

PUBLICATIONS: *O.H.P.* (Okey) *King's* "Tail of the Paper Tiger," recounting his experiences and opinions, will appear June 22. It covers a decade of U.S. foreign policy concerning Asia.

The same week *CORONET* bought her article about women's magazines, *Athenum Publishers* signed *Nanette Kutner* to adapt her TV special, "The White House Saga," into a book for Spring 1962 publication.

Bernard Sobel has contributed several pieces on the theatre to the new *Grolier encyclopedia*. . . *Carl Bakal* has articles in this month's issue of *READERS DIGEST* and the July *TRUE*.

CBS news correspondents in print include *Marvin Kalb's* book "Dragon in the Kremlin" and his article on Soviet education in *The N.Y. Times* magazine section; articles on Cuba in *The Reporter* by *Stuart Novins* and *Ned Calmer's* book "All The Summer Days".



Captain Karl Glad of the S.S. *Lofoten* presents Arctic Circle Certificates to *George F. Pierrot* and *Madeline D. Ross* aboard the ship enroute to the North Cape. According to correspondent *Ross*, the picture was taken at "12:25 A.M. and the sun is shining brightly." (And it's probably a lot cooler than it's been here recently.)



Patil

Chicoms Irk Indian

India will never rest easy until every inch of her land occupied by the Red Chinese is returned, *Shri S. K. Patil*, India's minister of food and agriculture, told the OPC Tuesday night.

He pointed out that the Communists occupy only great heights, in the neighborhood of 18,000. There is no danger they will occupy the valleys, he said.

"Not because of physical strength on our part," he smiled. "But because of terrain on the road down."

He said his country had been deeply hurt by the action of Red China in taking possession of the high land.

Patil said he was in this country to meet the leaders of the New Frontier. A keen politician Patil is said to be known as the Jim Farley of India.

He said that India was grateful for U.S. aid and that the fact that India is a surplus producer of sugar could be, in part, attributed to American methods and assistance.

And now with a surplus of sugar, he said, his country has its eye on the U.S. market. He said American purchase of Indian sugar would further enhance the economic stability of his country.

The 60-year-old minister has been a member of the Central Cabinet in the Nehru government for the past four years. He took part in Gandhi's civil disobedience movements.

STORK CLUB: *Fitzgerald Smith* of NBC's *MONITOR* and wife *Edith Beeson Smith*, THE NEW YORK TIMES fashion reporter, named their first-born (a girl-child) *Alexandra Beeson*. She made her debut May 28 at Harkness Pavillion in New York.

Iris Carpenter Akers has had an operation at the Washington Hospital Center, Irving St., NW, Wash, D.C. and would welcome messages from her OPC friends.

Issue Editor: Jim Quigley
Bulletin Committee Chairman:
Richard J.H. Johnston
Managing Editor: Marge Eklund

'Neutralism' Discussed At Book Night



John B. Oakes points out a passage in his book, "The Edge of Freedom" to Anita Diamant Berke, vice chairman of the book night committee, as (left to right) John Barkham, Mitchell Wilson and Robert S. Kane look on.

MEMBERSHIP (Cont'd f. p. 1)

membership applications in the last six weeks, Luter said, has been largely due to the work of the Club's new Membership Committee, which is conducting an active campaign to recruit more working newsmen into the Club's ranks. The Committee is headed by Henry Cassidy and Michael G. Crissan, co-chairmen. Other members include Rob Roy Buckingham, New York Times; David Burk, Daily News; Aaron Einfrank, N.Y. Herald Tribune; Jules Frantz, N.Y. Herald Tribune; Martin Gershen, Stars & Stripes; L. B. Gnaedinger, Daily Mirror; Charles Grumich, AP; Helen Hector, Readers Digest; Richard J. H. Johnston, N.Y. Times; Charles Klensch, ABC; Louis J. Kramp, AP; Marshall R. Loeb, Time; Tom O'Toole, Wall Street Journal; James Quigley, NBC; William Rice, Jr., Daily News; Ralph Salazar, UPI; David Shefrin, CBS, and Al Wall, Newsweek.

Additional members will be added in major cities overseas.

To attract more newsmen, the Club has waived the \$25 initiation fee for working newsmen who apply for active or associate membership before August 15th. "We want the working newsman who should have joined the Club long ago but, for some reason, never got around to it," Luter said.

The President emphasized, however, that the Club is not lowering its admission standards — and in fact, will probably tighten the entrance requirements.

The Membership Committee is planning regular "new members' gatherings" to help introduce new members to the Club's membership and facilities. The first of these gatherings will be held in July, as soon as the 10th floor lounge is fully air-conditioned, with members of the committee serving as hosts.

The opinions of John B. Oakes, editorial page editor of the N. Y. Times, provided grist for discussion at the final OPC book night of the season.

Discussion centered about Oakes' "The Edge of Freedom," which is a report on neutralism in sub-Sahara Africa and on other forces currently asserting themselves in Eastern Europe.

Oakes wrote his book after a year of travel in Africa, Poland, Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union.

As to neutralism, Oakes feels it is to be welcomed. He argues that though it tends to change the power balance in the United Nations, it is likely to be of greater long-range advantage to the U.S. than to the U.S.S.R.

As to portions of East Europe, Oakes views them as being behind a "plastic curtain" rather than one of iron. By this he means one can see through it, although it is not yet penetrable. He recommends extension of cultural contacts as a means of possible penetration.

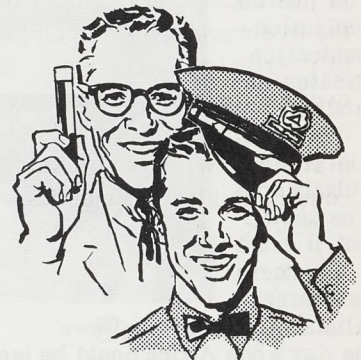
Oakes found support on his East Europe thesis from panelist Mitchell Wilson, a physicist turned novelist, who has lived and worked in the Soviet Union. Wilson is the author of "Meeting at a Far Meridian."

Oakes' view on neutralism was supported by Robert S. Kane, author of

"Africa A to Z" but it was rejected by Louis Lomax, author of "The Reluctant African." Lomax admitted that Africans know that the only colonialism in the world today is the Soviet brand. But, he maintained neutralism in the area represents a rejection of capitalism and Western values. This, he added, is a Soviet advantage as "there is nothing the Communists can do to the Africans that we haven't already done to them."

John Barkham moderated.

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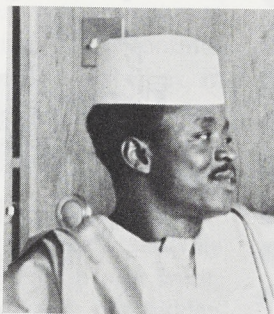
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AN AFRICAN TALKS TO THE WEST'S PRESS

By B. C. Okwu
Minister of Information
Eastern Nigeria

There is urgent need in the world today for better communication—Communication that creates understanding among peoples.

This problem particularly concerns us in Africa. But it must also concern you as overseas journalists.



Okwu

The day when Africa could be ignored is gone. It can no longer be looked on as a place far away. It is a pivotal part of the world of the sixties, with a foot in all four hemispheres. Our Western borders are no farther from the Americas than our Northern borders are from Europe or our Eastern borders from the Far East. And today's communications make us even closer. Furthermore, our people plainly do not intend to be ignored. We are in search of a better life and we see no reason why we should not have it.

African Personality

Our students are fanning out all over the world in search of new knowledge, skills and friends. Our artists and men of letters are busy creating an "African personality" and selling their images of it on the overseas cultural and intellectual market. Our political voices are being raised and demanding to be heard in the United Nations and other world councils.

I would tell you too that the peoples of the new nations of Africa will not be ignored because they are no longer ignorant of the standard of living in the more advanced nations of the world. Eighth graders in the schools of Nigeria I would venture know more about the American way of life than the average American sophomore knows about the Canadian. Decisions made by President Kennedy this morning will be discussed tomorrow in the hills of Ethiopia and Uganda. The ripples made by your "Little Rocks" have a habit of penetrating overnight into the backwaters of the Zambezi.

Complete Picture Essential

World peace and understanding demands that those outside Africa see the significance of what is happening to Africa's land and people, to their livelihood, welfare and development.

We recognize in Africa that our chances for economic and political development rests on our ability to tell people abroad the full facts about our

portion of the world. And we further know we must approach this information and public relations task so that the complete ignorance which formerly prevailed will not be replaced by incomplete knowledge.

The issues in Africa today are of an importance which calls for the fullest possible understanding. We welcome all techniques and assistance that will contribute to knowledge about Africa — particularly the kind of knowledge that will dramatize clearly for Americans, and our other friends abroad, what Africa really is like and not merely what too many people's imagination and unanalyzed assumptions have told them is there.

We have the problem of fighting ignorance within our nation. But we also must fight it without. The need for greater information is pointed up by what is found in many U.S. newspapers daily.

While we in government information must make all facts available, we would hope that more newsmen and women would develop a like responsibility for reporting the facts. It is difficult enough to create an understanding in the U.S. without the added disadvantage of having highly reputed writers come to our shores and report attitudes they believe to exist rather than checking as to truth.

Accurate Reporting

An example of what I mean is the recent series of articles on Nigeria and the "Peace Corps" by a New York newspaper's correspondent. This prize-winning reporter came to Africa on a free junket provided by a private organization. Within hours after arriving in Lagos she read a local newspaper with very limited circulation edited by a Nigerian of no political consequence. Yet this famed reporter felt journalistic liberty to lift the anti-western editorial words of this newspaper and put them in the mouths of 40-million Nigerians.

At the same moment as these stories — with scare headlines — appeared in America, our distinguished Governor General and a pioneer in Africa newspaper publishing, Nnamdi Azikiwe, speaking for the people, announced an opposite view. Unfortunately, the reporter's story planted in the minds of many Americans the idea that Nigeria wanted no part of the "Peace Corps" and that it mistrusted the motives of the United States people and government. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Peace Corps

We welcome this program in Nigeria and one of the reasons we hope for its success is that we believe it can pro-

vide an effective means of communication between our two nations. In addition to aiding the educational and economic growth of Africa these volunteer teachers and technical experts will contribute to a better understanding of our land and our people and vice versa.

I would call on the American press to aid Africa in its efforts to span centuries of human development in years, if not in months, by dedicating itself to reporting fact not fiction.

Free Press

We are firm believers in an independent and free press. We believe it is a fundamental principle of democracy that a government elected by the people has a responsibility to keep them fully informed. Nigeria has insisted on the maintenance of an independent free press throughout the country. We are proud of the role that it has played in making our nation one of the most stable and educated and informed country in Africa. It has supplied a responsible and unifying influence on the people and its leadership and is a major factor in the growth of our economy through providing information on new products and in industry. But we do not believe, though, that irresponsibility deserves any place in any press — even yours in the United States.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

When you are expecting a guest, will you please leave your name and his at the front desk to avoid unnecessary waiting. Notify the clerk of your whereabouts to facilitate matters.

CORRESPONDENTS FUND GETS NEW SECRETARY

Due to business pressures Dickson Hartwell has resigned as secretary of the Correspondents Fund. He is succeeded by Bruno Shaw.

All other officers have been re-elected.

They are: Richard de Rochemont, president; Edward W. Barrett, vice-president; Emanuel Freedman, vice-president; Oliver Gramling, vice-president; Joseph J. Wurzel, treasurer; Egbert White, assistant treasurer; Patricia L. Hartwell, assistant secretary.

The directors and trustees are: John M. Barkham, Clyde E. Brown, John Daly, Ralph J. Frantz, William P. Gray, Sanford Griffith, Mary Hornaday, Thomas M. Johnson, Lucian S. Kirtland, Lawrence Le Sueur, Louis P. Lochner, A. Wilfred May, Inez Robb, Walter Rundle, Bruno Shaw, John Wilhelm.

The fiscal report for the year ending Apr. 30, 1961, shows that a total of \$8,608.55 was paid out in 29 grants to 10 indigent correspondents, the highest amount paid in any single year.

ANPA Raps Bulletin On Story 'Overplay'

The American Newspaper Publishers Assn., through *Stanford Smith*, general manager, has criticized OPC Bulletin treatment of a story dealing with press coverage of foreign affairs. He termed the OPC treatment 'gross overplay.' His letter was one of several commenting on the subject.

Smith referred to a June 3rd story. In the issue mentioned, the Bulletin gave Page One lead story coverage to an address to the OPC by Walter Kerr, former New York Herald Tribune bureau chief in Paris, Moscow and Washington. Kerr urged the OPC to become a 'watch-dog' of foreign news coverage in this country.

Kerr based his position on the claim that most foreign stories originate with native stringers out of translations of local newspapers. Kerr said there are only a relative handful of trained American correspondents stationed overseas.

He urged the OPC to assume a responsibility. He stated: "If you find an editor who is trying to improve foreign coverage, say so; give him a boost; no one else will. No Pulitzer Prizes are given for him."

Smith's letter to John Luter, OPC president, with permission to print, is as follows:

The Overseas Press Club Bulletin issue of June 3, 1961, is unworthy of the fine traditions of the club in giving such gross overplay to a story built around that tired old cliché that newspapers "are only troubled by labor costs and the price of newsprint" and are not making adequate effort to cover foreign news.

Devoting the lead story and a big picture on the first page to former newspaperman Walter Kerr's unsubstantiated generalizations especially disappoints me as I am accustomed to fine, thought-provoking Bulletin articles, many of which provide constructive criticism of press coverage.

The substance of Mr. Kerr's charge with respect to foreign news coverage is that the press does not pursue the facts to provide balanced coverage for the American people. If Mr. Kerr had practiced what he preaches, he would not have made the statement about labor costs and newsprint prices, nor would he have said that "at their trade meetings they congratulate each other; everybody says he scooped everybody else." The programs of the recent conventions of the American Newspapers Publishers Association and the American Society of Newspaper Editors and of the meeting this week of publishers and editors sponsored by United Press International are readily available to demonstrate the absurd nature of this charge.



Passing of an Era

Karl Von Wiegand was a symbol of a romantic era in journalism, and he was consistent to the very end.

In conformity with a wish in the will of the 87-year-old veteran foreign correspondent, his ashes were strewn over the rose garden of his residence at the foot of the Pyramids.

The actual strewing of the ashes was performed from an airplane by a son and daughter of the veteran newsman. The children flew the ashes to Cairo from Zurich, where Von Wiegand died June 7 after a brief illness.

As chief correspondent for the Hearst newspapers, he filed stories until two months ago. He covered 12 armed conflicts starting with the Turkish-Italian war in 1911.

He was born in Germany but was brought as an infant to the United States. One of his most publicized feats was making the first lighter-than-air flight across the Atlantic on the German Graf Zeppelin.

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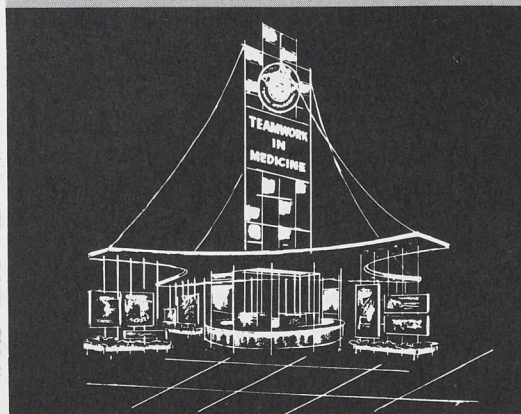
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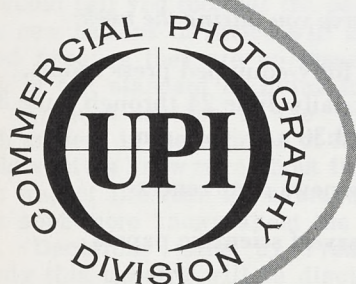
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COMMITTEES



Foreign Language Dinner Committee: Foreign Language dinners continued their upward trend. Last year the enthusiastic response swept us out of the cosy fourth floor room and into the main dining room. This year we overflowed the dining room and had to refuse about half again as many reservations.

Peak of the series was our French dinner honoring the members of the Comedie Francaise on March 8. The entire cast came to the cocktail reception. Artists who were not in the first act of the play remained to dine.

Guests of honor were His Excellency Edouard Moret-Sir, cultural counselor to the French Embassy; Prof. Justin O'Brien, head of the French Department of Columbia University, widely known for his translations of Sartre, Camus, Gide and other French authors; M. Raoul Pelmont, French cultural attache; Lewis Funke of the New York Times drama desk; and Salvador Dali.

Co-Chairman Richard de Rochemont and Committee members Larry Blochman, Jack Collins and Norman Reader worked hard for the success of the dinner.

The committee is now working on a project for a Spanish dinner to be held on shipboard — probably a ship of the Colombian line. Committee members of the Spanish section are: Myriam Luz, Gary McEoin, Arthur Reef and Larry Blochman. *Lin Root*, Chairman

Placement Committee: During the period from March 21, 1960 through April 28, 1961:

322 job applicants registered with the Placement Committee. The majority of these applicants sought permanent full-time positions although many of them were also available for free lance openings. A very small number of the applicants wanted free lance positions only.

895 resumes were sent out for the above applicants in response to requests for personnel.

4,450 Placement Committee Brochures were sent out to prospective employers.

176 job openings were registered with the Committee.

118 blind advertisements for new job openings were placed in the Bulletin.

The salary range of jobs posted with the OPC was \$6,000 to \$18,000.

Of 322 job applicants who registered with the Committee 77, are, at the moment, still interested in new positions.

We know that we have been instrumental in placing more than 30 members during the year.

The Committee expended \$2,969 of its \$6,700 budget. *Stephen E. Korsen* Chairman, Placement Committee

Bulletin Committee: The past year has seen improvements in quality and technique but also financial problems due almost entirely to the falling off of advertising revenue.

Some of the Bulletin's long time advertisers have had regretfully to eliminate or reduce their schedules, undoubtedly as a result of the general business recession. On the other hand, a few new advertisers came in resulting in a partial recoup. Of course, it must be remembered that printing costs are higher and an increase in membership has brought about an increase in paper and postal costs.

Not long ago, the Board of Governors voted an increase in the budget for producing the Bulletin, and this has helped considerably. Plans are now afoot for an advertising program that will not only wipe out the operating loss, but bring a small profit. For the first time in the Club's history, a special award is going to two Bulletin contributors: for the best overseas reporting and domestic reporting.

A vote of thanks is due all the members of the Bulletin Committee for their tireless voluntary work which helped put out the issue week after week. The Committee also joins in saluting Lucille Pierlot, the managing editor, for her dedication to her task and for the growing excellence of her achievements.

. *Jess Gorkin* and *Donald Wayne*
. Co-Chairman

Book Publishing Committee: Sigrid Schultz is glad to report that the OPC's cooperative opus, spicing gastronomy with news and anecdotes has met with the warm-hearted approval of our editor at Doubleday's, Miss Clara Cleasen.

"Definitely unorthodox, but entertaining" was the verdict of our editor. The manuscript was turned over to Doubleday in June, 1960. At present, Doubleday has scheduled it for the spring list of 1962, though for a while we had hoped the book could come out in time for this year's Christmas sales.

Other projects are under discussion with various publishers, but no contracts have been signed during the current year. *Kenneth S. Giniger*, Chairman, and
. *Sigrid Schultz*

AMA HOSTS NEWSPEOPLE

The American Medical Assn. will launch its 110th annual meeting with a reception and meeting-preview at the OPC Thursday.

Dr. E. Vincent Askey and Dr. Leonard W. Larson, AMA president and president-elect, and other officers, will be hosts to newspeople in the 10th Floor Club from 4-7 p.m.

OPC members are invited to attend AMA activities between June 25 to 30. They may obtain credentials in either the Coliseum or Statler-Hilton press room.

SPECIAL THEATRE TICKETS

Lin Root has arranged for special tickets for *All The Way Home*, *My Fair Lady* and *The Miracle Worker*.

The two-fers (seats at reduced rates) available for Club members may be picked up at the front reception desk.

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YOULOU (Cont. from pg. 1)

Referring to the Peace Corps he said, "I believe that the Corps will serve in great part to answer the anxiety which I express. In any case, it's creation proves that you are searching for new solutions."

The Congo President found it difficult to understand why he and one of his ministers had to undergo a "fierce but friendly" questioning by a U.S. Senator who had wanted nothing but exact economic facts; population, freight tonnage from two ports, railroad mileage, exports, products, etc. "Don't allow yourselves to turn to fetishism," he advised. "Don't worship the god cipher."

President Youlou added that he did not want the press to think he was inspired by reading "The Ugly American." He said his criticisms are inspired "by the most complete friendship and the most sincere admiration for the good-will of America toward underdeveloped nations. One owes the truth to one's friends."

On the other hand, the President of the Congo feels that aid should not be given without conditions. "Money," he said, "should not be thrown into the wind. You of the U.S. will receive the gratitude of our people."

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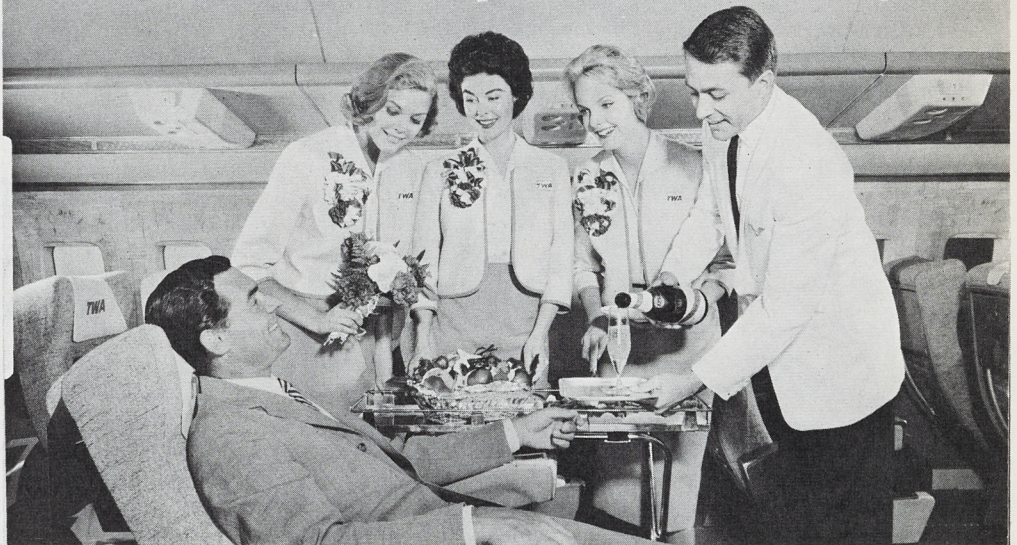
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